

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing using a clamping assembly ~~including a first strap clamp and a second strap clamp, the first strap clamp including an elongate body which includes a first portion and a second portion unitarily extending from said the first portion, the first portion including a first thickness and the second portion including a second thickness, said method comprising the steps of:~~

securing the a first strap clamp including the to the engine housing wherein the first strap clamp includes a first portion and the a thicker second portion that extends unitarily extending from the first portion, to the aircraft engine housing such that the width of the clamping assembly is substantially constant through the clamping assembly, and such that a lower surface of the first portion is substantially co-planar with a lower surface of the second portion; and

securing the tube to the first strap clamp with the second strap clamp.

2. (currently amended) A method ~~of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the first portion includes a plurality of apertures, the elongate body is rigid, and the second clamp bracket includes a plurality of openings, said step of securing the tube to the first strap clamp further comprises the step of bending the second strap clamp around the tube to position the a plurality of openings defined within the second strap clamp in substantial alignment with the a plurality of apertures disposed defined within the first strap clamp.~~

3. (currently amended) A method ~~of securing a tube to an aircraft engine housing in accordance with Claim 3- 2 wherein the clamping assembly includes a plurality of threaded fasteners, said step of securing the tube to the first strap clamp further comprises the step of inserting the at least two threaded fasteners through the openings into the apertures and tightening the second strap clamp to the first strap clamp.~~

4-19. (canceled)

20. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein securing the tube to the first strap clamp further comprises securing the tube to the first strap clamp such that the tube is secured against only the second portion of the first strap clamp

21. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein securing the tube to the first strap clamp further comprises using a stainless steel second strap clamp to secure the tube to the first strap clamp.

22. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein securing the tube to the first strap clamp further comprises using a substantially rectangular second strap clamp to secure the tube to the first strap clamp.